



By the King.



Orasmuch as it cannot be doubted, but as the Kings most excellent Maiestie hath taken great contentment in the most dutifull and deuoted affection of his Subiects of this Realme, testified by the vniversall and ioyfull consent in publishing his Right, and acknowledgement of his Highnes for their Souereigne; so on the other side, his Maiesties Subiects will find much ioy and comfort by receiving knowledge of his gracious and louing acceptance of their said most humble and most affectiōnate seruice and duetie: It is therfore very meet, That his Maiestie having of late, by his severall Letters of the eight and twentieth, and of the last of March, vnto such of vs the Nobilitie of this Realme, and others that were of the late Queenes Princie Counsel, as are here at his Highnesse Pallace of Whitehall assembled for the seruice of his Maiestie and the State, signified his Gracions acceptance, and Princely thankefulnesse vnto all his Subiects, of whatsoeuer degree or condition, for such and so extraordinary demonstration of their good Will, and commanding the same to be further notified to all parts) We shold publish and declare the same, by this Proclamation, in his name. And withall, that we shold declare and make knownen his Maiesties pleasure deliuered likewise in the sayd Letters, touching the necessary continuation (during his absence, or vntill it shall please his Highnesse to gine other commandement and direction) of such orders and proceedings for the preseruation of Peace, administration of Justice, and gouernement of the State, as were formerly established, and stood in force immeadiately before the late Queenes deceas, which chiefly, and in effect is this: That whereas vpon the deceas of the late Queenes Maiestie, the authority of the most part of the Offices and places of Jurisdiction and gouernement Within this Realme, and in the Realme of Ireland, did cease and faile, the Souereigne person failing from whom the same were derived, and thereupon through doubtfulnesse, and Want of authority for execution, in such persons as were invested in the said Offices and places, the settled and ordinary course of the affaires of the State (if remedie were not prouided) might receive disturbance and prejudice by discontinuance and interrup-

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tion: His Maiestie in his Princely Wisedome, and care of the State (reseruing unto his owne iudgement hereafter the reformation and redresse of any abuses in misgouernement vpon better knowledge taken thereof, in his due time) is pleased, and hath so expressly signified, That all persons, that at the time of the late Queenes Maiesties deceasse, were duely and lawfully possessed of any place or Office of authoritie, iurisdiction, or gouernment, either Ciuil or Martiall within this Realme, or in the Realme of Ireland, And namely, all Lieutenants, Sherifffes, deputie Lieutenants, Commissioners of Musters, Justices of the Peace, and all others in place of Gouernment, either meaner or superior, (as aforesaid) shall bee, and shall so holde them selues continued in the said places and Offices, as formerly they helde and enjoyed the same, vntill his Maiesties pleasure bee further knownen. And that in the meane while (for the preseruation of Peace, and necessarie proceeding in matters of Justice, and for safetie of the State) all the sayd persons, of whatsoeuer degree or condition, may not faile, every one severally according to his place, office, or charge, to proceed in the performance and execution of all dueties thereto belonging, as formerly appertained to them and every of them, While the late Queenes Maiestie was living.

And albeit the earnest and longing desire in all his Maiesties Subiects, to enjoy the sight of his Royal person and presence (which hath moued very many of good degree and qualitie, and some of them hauing place of charge in the Countrey where they dwell, to hasten and take their iourneys at this time unto his Highnesse) be, for it selfe, commendable in them, and acceptable to his Maiestie, being an Argument of their abundant ioy and gladnesse: Neuerthelesse, because the ouer-much, and too frequent resort and concourse of people into those parts where his Maiestie as yet remaineth, or which are farre distant from the heart of this Realme, is at this present inconuenient, and may prooue more dangerous, both in respect that the Countrey whither such extraordinarie resort is made, shall bee ouercharged with multitude, and thereof scarcitie and dearth is like enough to proceede, and also because these more inward parts of the Realme shall in the meane while be impayzed in hospitalitie, and being destitute of such assistance as is needfull, it may be doubted to what danger or disturbance, forreine or domesticall, they may bee exposed: His Maiestie therefore in his Wisedome both gratiouly accepting the good Will of his Subiects, and withall regarding what is conuenient for his seruice, and for the securitie of the State at this time, it pleased, and doeth require, That such concourse and resort into those parts be forborne, & abone al others, of those persons that haue any place of charge or office, either on the Seacoast or the In land, or are of good degree & qualitie in their Countrey: And that such orderly course be hereafter holden (in the discretion of all such persons as aforesaid) for repaire and resort to his Highnesse presence at his comming into this Realme, as may conueniently stand and agree with the care and seruice necessarily belonging, and to bee perfourmed in all partes of the

Realme, to his Highnesse and the State, His Maiestie being no ielte gratiouly disposed, and
willing (in all conuenient sort) to give contentment and pleasure to his owne eyes and minde, by
the sight of his most Loyall and louing Subiects, then they are infinitely desirous to enjoy the
happinesse of his Maiesties person and presence, Who (Wee doubt not) long before this time is
already safe in this his Realme of England, though his Maiestie forbeareth to come presently to
his Citie of London, vntill those things can be set in readinesse, whiche are fit and honourable for
the reception of so great and mightie a King.

Giuen at his Maiesties Pallace of VVhitehall,
the fifth of Aprill, in the first yeere of his
Maiesties Reigne.

God sauē the King.

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